the names of the producers and production of each during the last three years, yearwise; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Government have taken any step to investigate the reasons of discrepancies, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Consultation with BICP in the process of fixing/revising the prices of the bulk drugs by this Ministry is a normal practice and is an essential input in the process of decision making leading to price fixation. The contents of such consultations are usually not disclosed.

(c) The bulk drug Vitamin 'C' and its salts are being produced from basic stage in the country by M/s. Jayant Vitamins and M/s. Sarabhai M. Chemicals. The unitwise production for the last three years to the extent information available is as under:—

Name of the producer	Production in metric tonnes		
	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
1, M/s, Jayant Vitamins	612·47	711·29	660·96
2, M/s. Sarabhai M. Chemicals	218·79	157·47	373·78

(d) Does not arise.

Hike in the Price of Certain Drugs

1339. SHRI M. A. BABY:
CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have hiked the price of Phenobarbitone to Rs. 814 per kg., Phenobarbitone Sodium to Rs. 1047, Chlorhexidine Digluconate to Rs. 940, Pyrantal Pamoate to Rs. 1282 and Hydroxethyl Theophylline to Rs. 527 per kg. and certain other drugs;

(b whether it is a fact that none of the producers applied for price increase;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether it is a fact that imports of these drugs and certain other drugs are much more than the indigenous production;

(e) what was the import of each drug and indigenous production druing 1990-91;

(f) whether it is also a fact that the prices of finished medicines would be fixed on indigenous prices; and

(g) if so, in what way Government would give benefit to consumer on landed cost of import and market prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The prices of these bulk drugs were revised on the basis of cost data available with the Government and in consultation with the BICP, to give the impact on input costs of change in exchange rate of rupee against major foreign currencies.

(d) and (e) The imports of individual bulk drugs are not being monitored by this Ministry. To the extent information is available with the Department, the

production of these bulk drugs for the year 1989-90 is given as under:—

Name of the bulk drug	Production (MT)
Pheno barbitone/Sodium	2·58
Pyrantal Pamoate	39.49

(f) and (g) Prices of formulations are determined on the basis of information available in respect of notified price of a bulk drug, its landed price if imported and quantum of import vis-a-vis indigenous production. If the imports are more than two third of the total availability of the bulk drug in the country, the landed price is adopted for the purpose of price determination of its formulation.

Instances of Over-invoicing of Imports

1340. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of instances of over invoicing of imports have come to the notice of Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that major formulators of Triprolidine Hcl, Thioridazine, Carbanmezapine, Diclofenac Sodium are importing the drugs from their principals at much higher prices than the others;

(c) if so, names of the companies, CIF price of each during 1990-91;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the landed cost of import of Tolnafate, Valporic Acid, Sulphadiazine, Diclofenac Sodium, Carbamezapine, Griseofulvin, Triprolidone Hcl and Thoridazine is much lower than the price of drug taken in price fixation of finished medicines; and

(e) what is the prices of each bulk drug taken in price fixation of finished medicines and what is the landed cost of import druing 1990-91 and current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) A number of complaints have been received alleging over-charging in imports of drugs and drug intermediates. These cases have been referred to the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence for necessary action.

(b) and (c) As per information available with this Department, there are complaints of over-invoicing regarding imports of Triprolidine Hcl and Thioridazine out of the four drugs mentioned in part (b) of the Question. These complaints are against M/s. Sandoz and M/s. Burroughs Wellcome respectively. The import price of the drugs are not being monitored.

(d) to (e) Prices of formulations are determined on the basis of information in respect of notified price of a bulk drug, its landed price if imported and quantum of import *vis-a-vis* indigenous production. If the imports are more than 2/3 of the total availability of the bulk drug in the country, the landed price is adopted for the purpose of price determination of its formulations.

Price of Sulphadiazine

1341. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have increased the price of Sulphadiazine from Rs. 461 per kg., Furazolidine to Rs. 460, Dilozanice Furoate to Rs. 601;

(b) whether it is a fact that formulation prices would be fixed on the basis of increased prices;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Sulphadiazine is being imported ten times more than the indigenous production and the production of Furazolidine is around 70 tons per annum;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the leader formulator has stopped production of Dilozanide Furoate and is getting at Rs. 390 per kg.;